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BRIGHTEN UP THE WINTER DAYS AT TAPROOT THEATRE'S ACTING STUDIO

Winter quarter begins January 24, with Midwinter Break Camps Feb. 16-20

SEATTLE – November 5, 2008 – Winter quarter is about to begin at Taproot Theatre's Acting Studio, where fun abounds and students ages 4 to adult sharpen their acting skills. Taproot's Acting Studio's talented teachers coach students of various experience levels in a safe environment where students are encouraged to be creative and build their skills. Midwinter Break Camps are also available to enrich the school break in February. Winter quarter runs from January 24 through March 31, with Midwinter Break Camps running February 16-20.

Taproot's Acting Studio has classes throughout the year for actors of all ages and experience levels. This winter quarter, kids and teens have opportunities to learn the imaginative art of storytelling, create a play they'll perform for family and friends, and experience what the professionals go through from first rehearsal to final performance. Winter quarter also provides beginning adult actors with the opportunity to learn the building blocks of acting.

Classes are held at Taproot's theatre (204 N 85th St.) and Grace Fellowship Church (410 NW 62nd St.) in Seattle. Registration forms and class descriptions are available online at www.taproottheatre.org, or contact Taproot's Acting Studio at (206) 781-9705 or studio@taproottheatre.org.

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About Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio

Taproot Theatre Company's Acting Studio offers year-round classes for youth and adults taught by local theatre professionals. Budding thespians will find classes to

help them develop their acting skills, while more seasoned actors can build on their knowledge and learn new techniques.

Taproot Theatre Company is a professional, non-profit theatre company with a multi-faceted production program. Founded in 1976, Taproot Theatre serves the Pacific Northwest with Mainstage Productions, Touring Productions and Acting Studio. Taproot exists to create theatre that explores the beauty and questions of life while bringing hope to our search for meaning. Taproot Theatre Company is a member of Theatre Communications Group (TCG), Theatre Puget Sound (TPS), and the Greenwood-Phinney Chamber of Commerce.

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Included:

- Winter 2009 Fact Sheet

WINTER 2009 FACT SHEET

Youth Classes

CLASS: **Story Drama** **CLASS CODE:** 09-WSD
AGES: 4-6 years
DATES: Saturdays, Jan. 24–Feb. 21
TIME: 10-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$185
DESCRIPTION: Young actors will create their own imaginative play! This class will focus on the imaginative art of storytelling. Students create characters that take them on an amazing adventure! Parents are invited to the last class to see what they've been working on.

CLASS: **Dramatic Adventures** **CLASS CODE:** 09-WDA
AGES: 6-9 years
DATES: Saturdays, Jan. 24–Feb.21
TIME: 10–11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$185
DESCRIPTION: Students will let their imaginations run wild as they create their own play using drama and movement. Family and friends are invited to the final class to see the show!

CLASS: **Winter Showcase** **CLASS CODE:** 09-WSH
AGES: 9-17 years
DATES: Tuesdays, Feb. 3-March 31
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Class meets at Grace Fellowship Church. Dress Rehearsal and Performance at Taproot Theatre
PRICE: \$240
DESCRIPTION: Students are offered a fun and exciting opportunity to be in a live production of a one-act play. Find out what the professionals go through, from first rehearsal to final production.
Dress Rehearsal: Mon. March 30, 6-8 p.m.
Performance: Tues., March 31, 6 p.m.

Midwinter Break Camps

SESSION I: **Ages 7-11 years** **CLASS CODE:** 09-MWBC I
SESSION II: **Ages 12-17 years** **CLASS CODE:** 09-MWBC II
DATES: Monday-Friday, February 16-20
TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; 1 week
LOCATION: TTC
PRICE: \$265
DESCRIPTION: Students will sample a buffet of acting techniques such as improv, stage combat, Shakespeare and musical theatre in this one-week adventure! Parents will enjoy a presentation on the final day of camp.
Performance: Friday, February 20, 3 p.m. at TTC

SESSION III: **Ages 4-6 years** CLASS CODE: 09-MWBC III
DATES: Monday-Friday, February 16-20
TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 1 week
LOCATION: GFC
PRICE: \$175
DESCRIPTION: Especially for our youngest Actors! Students ages 4-6 will create an original performance while learning the building blocks of acting.
Performance: Friday, February 20, 1 p.m. at GFC

Young Adult/Adult Classes

CLASS: **Beginning Acting** CLASS CODE: 09-WBA
AGES: High School-Adult
DATES: Mondays, Feb. 2-March 9
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Grace Fellowship Church
PRICE: \$200
DESCRIPTION: This class will give students the building blocks of acting, using drama games, improvisational exercises and scene work.